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LETTER FROM JOSEPH LORD

The letter given below should have preceded those appearing in the last number of this *Magazine;* it was not available when that issue was printed.

Being addressed to James Petiver, it settles the question as to whom the other letters were addressed. Petiver contributed to *Philosophical Transactions*, May, 1705 (no. 299, vol. 24, p. 1951) "An Account of Animals and Shells sent from Carolina to Mr. James Petiver, F. R. S.;" most of the shells, he states, were received from "Madam Williams, a Gentlewoman." He also mentions several other people, either Carolinians, or having touch with that Province, such as Major Halstead; Mrs. Danson, daughter of Mr. John Archdale; Mr. Edmund Bohun, and "my curious Friend Mr. Job [sic] Lord;" but Madam Williams was the most frequent donor, and mention is made of reptils, lizards and insects lately sent by her. (See the January issue of this *Magazine.*)

Letter from Joseph Lord to James Petiver. 1705

[Sloane MSS. 4046, f. 69]

"Worthy Sir,

Altho I have received no line from yor self, since you sent ye first & sec.^{d} Decads of yor. Gazophylacium[1] &c. yet there being a vessel bound for London, I send a Box of Collections, most of w^{c} are of last year. As to ye Plants, I have, as I use, wrapped papers about y^{m}; but there are some things w^{c} have no papers; as a piece of red earth, often found w^{re} trees have been turned up by ye roots; two arrow-heads, made by ye Indians, of a sort of Flint, to make their arrows do more execution; a shell or two w^{c} I found upon ye Land; such a case-worm as that of M^{r}. Bohun,[2] on ye twig of a Percimmon tree (w^{c} I have found also upon Oak, Apple, & (I think) Chinquepine trees): & perhaps there may be

[1] James Petiver, died 1718. *Gazophylacii Naturae et Artis.* London, 1702–1709. folio, in ten decades. (*Dict. Nat. Biog.*)

[2] Edmund Bohun, eldest son of Edmund Bohun, the chief justice of South Carolina. He was in Sala as late as April, 1701. (*Diary and Autobiography of Edmund Bohun, Esq.* privately printed, 1853, pp. xxv–xxvii.)

more wthout Papers w^{c} I have forgot. My friend M^{r}. Pinkney,[3] to whom I desired you to direct yor letters y^{t} you sent to me is dead, by w^{c} means I am at some loss, at present, how to get any thing sent to you, liveing my self at so great a distance from Charlstown, & haveing little or no acquaintance wth any Sea fareing men y^{t} use to go to London. I have but little skill in natural Production, & have very few advantages to increase my skill (Books of that nature not being here to be bought, & Gerrards[4] Herbal, w^{c} I had borrowed, & was ye only considerable help I had to get such skill by being called for by ye owner) & by that means I am not capable of ranking them und^{r} their Proper Heads; w^{c} make me so often desire Information from yor self w^{t} such & such plants be, & of w^{t} nature (tho', perhaps, sometimes such as are commonly known wth you) & whether it be such a Plant. There is a book, w^{c} w^{t} I have read concerning it makes me greatly to desire, tho' I know not of what bulk it is; & that is Butler of Bees;[5] w^{c} if you can get for me you will greatly oblige

Yo^{r} Servt to Command

Joseph Lord."

Endorsed at side: "Dorches^{tr} in Carolina
"Rec^{d}. July 30, 1705." Ap^{r}. 10, 1705"

"I set [*sic*] a letter & a box of collections last year, ab^{t} y^{e} end of April or beginning of May."

Addressed "To

M^{r}. James Petiver, Apothecary to y^{e} Chartreux, & fellow of y^{e} Royal Society, in Alders-gate-Street, London,

Deliver &c."

[a postmark "$\frac{IV}{30}$"].

[3] Thomas Pinckney, father of Charles, the chief justice, and of Major William Pinckney.

[4] John Gerard, surgeon and famous herbalist; born in Cheshire, 1545, died 1612. *The Herbal, or General History of Plants,* . . . . with cuts. London, 1597 folio; second edition published by Dr. Thomas Johnson, London, 1633f, with corrections and additions; reprinted London 1636. (*Dict. Nat. Biog.*)

[5] Charles Butler, vicar of Wotton, in Hampshire, 1559–1647. *Feminie Monarchy; The History of Bees, and the due ordering of them.* Oxon. 1609, octavo. London, 1625. Oxon. 1634. quarto. In Latin, by Richardson, under the title of *Monarchia Feminina, siva Apuim Historia.* Lond. 1673, 8° 1690, 12°.